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1. The Ministry of Railways plans to complete and place the T'ienshui-Lanchou section of the Lunghai Railway in operation by October 1952.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Ministry has built a bridge factory at Tut'angch'iaochen (2629/2768/2890/6966), east of T'ienshui, to speed up construction and to insure that this goal is met. Bridge sections were previously shipped to the erection site, but shipments were often delayed and the sections sometimes did not meet bridge specifications. The bridge factory which was built on the suggestion of Hsi-lin (6007/2651), a Soviet bridge specialist, is under the direct control of the Northwest Railway Engineering Administration. It presently employs 1,300 workers and daily produces 20 reinforced concrete frames.<sup>2</sup>

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1.  Comment. Radio Peiping announced that track-laying on the T'ienshui-Lanchou section was completed on 23 August and that the line would be formally opened to traffic on 1 October.

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this railroad had reached Tingshi and the road bed had been completed to Lanchou by mid-June. Most of the bridges they saw on the T'ienshui-Tingshi section were temporary wooden structures, which they believed would have to be replaced by more permanent installations.

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